

You read on this page last Thursday an astonishing dispatch from Springfield, the capital of Illinois. It seems that the Illinois Secretary of State, Charles Carpenter, is on a campaign to "make it impossible" of school children to obtain "sinful" literature. The dispatch continued: "This book is for adult readers" has been stamped in red ink on certain books in the state-wide library system — meaning that they are banned from circulation unless some grown person specially demands a copy.

The list that was so stamped is absolutely incredible. Here are some of the "banned" books:

"Pilgrim's Progress"

Hans Christian Andersen's "Fairytale"

Jules Verne's "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea"

"Jane Eyre"

"Wuthering Heights"

"The Good Earth"

"The Girl of the Golden West"

So you belong to an organization and you want to "ban" something, do you? Well, be warned by the above that someone somewhere some time will make you look like a witch. And you'll deserve it.

"Pilgrim's Progress"

Abraham Lincoln read it as a boy by the flickering light of the hearth in the family log cabin.

What have the witches done to our America?

"Jane Eyre" . . . when I was a boy it was "required," like practicing on the piano, learning geometry, and other unhappy phases of a rigid discipline.

Toward the end of last Thursday's dispatch it appeared that this fellow Carpenter was trying to get out from under the foolishness he had started. He said it was a mistake — that his staff of career workers in the state library system were trying to make him look "ridiculous."

Trying? They made a perfect job of it.

And Mr. Carpenter's explanation only confirms our belief that he had it coming to him. For, the dispatch explained:

"Carpenter had ordered all books relating to sex" withdrawn from circulation after a mother protested about a novel her daughter checked out of a local library."

I recollect that our mother handled such a situation directly with my sister — and with no public scandal such as calling up the library and making a spectacle of the family.

Mr. Carpenter is the custodian of books. He should have had better sense than try to make himself custodian of anything as unpredictable as the uneasy truce between a mother and her daughter.

Against Move to Avoid Any Treaty Vote

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON (U) — Sen. George (D-Ga.) said today that any move to avoid a Senate showdown in this session of Congress on the controversial Bricker treaty — power amendment would merely "perpetuate the issue" in politics.

George, who told the Senate yesterday President Eisenhower could not defend his opposition to a provision giving Congress a check on executive agreement, said in an interview he is going to continue to work to get a constitutional amendment passed. He has offered his own version.

The Senate, in recess over the weekend, will resume debate Monday on a proposal by Sen. Bricker (R-Ohio) with the understanding it will not attempt to reach any votes on the measure until the week of Feb. 15.

There are so many conflicting proposals pending that George said it seems doubtful to him that any could now get Senate approval by the necessary two-thirds of those voting.

"But maybe after we have mulled this thing over for a while, it may be possible to get some agreement," the Georgia senator said.

He added that he believes he may get a majority of the Senate to approve substituting his plan for the Bricker proposal. George's version would nullify any treaty or international agreement which conflicted with the Constitution and could prevent executive agreement from becoming effective as internal law except by act of Congress. A majority vote would be enough to revise the pending Bricker proposal along these lines, but final passage still would require two-thirds approval.

Polio Fund May Total \$500,000

LITTLE ROCK (U) — The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis said today that the March of Dimes polio campaign might total \$500,000 in Arkansas.

A spokesman at the state headquarters here said some 30 counties have given preliminary estimates on the drive, but no accurate accounting of the fund will be made until March.

Ignore Gloom Prophets Ike Advises U.S.

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON (U) — President Eisenhower has advised Americans to ignore "prophets of gloom" and has promised them a "big brother" partner in the federal government.

Addressing a cheering throng of more than 6,500 at a GOP box supper last night, Eisenhower sailed into Democratic predictions of hard times, saying "The United States doesn't need to fall."

And he emphasized he wants to conduct the presidency under the Constitution "in the same general form" as it now stands.

He spoke only 12 minutes. In that time he took on two sets of critics — those like former President Harry S. Truman, who say the country is now in a recession, and those who have been calling for a constitutional amendment that would limit the scope of treaties and give Congress more control over international agreements.

"We don't have to listen to the prophets of gloom: who say we are stumbling into this or that kind of stumble or fall," he declared as the crowd cheered.

Army Shaping Policy on Refusals

Department is trying to shape a single, overall policy on how the armed forces should dismiss military personnel who refuse, under the Fifth Amendment, to say whether they are or have been Communists.

Secretary of the Army Stevens already has his own idea. He told reporters Wednesday that if a soldier or officer invokes the Fifth Amendment "he is not entitled to an honorable discharge." It is the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution which "says a man may not be compelled to testify against himself."

Stevens' comment was on a case in which Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) declared the Army had allowed an officer to resign instead of firing him after what McCarthy claimed was the officer's refusal to specify for Senate committee investigators whether he ever had Communist connections.

The Navy has outlined a procedure for dealing with its uniformed personnel, but it does not spell out fully what type of discharge it would use for dropping a Fifth Amendment pleader from its rolls.

A circular issued last November said that whenever a member of the regular Navy or Marine Corps or reservist on active duty refused to testify before a congressional committee on the grounds of possible self-incrimination he "shall immediately be relieved of all duties, a pro tempore report of all circumstances be submitted to the secretary of the Navy via the commandant of the Marine Corps or Bureau of Personnel (Navy), as appropriate, and such members shall not be restored to their duties except upon direction of the secretary of the Navy."

Pope Shows Very Slight Improvement

By FRANK BRUITTO

VATICAN CITY (U) — Pope Pius XII shows symptoms of a very slight improvement, but "the state of general weakness persists," his private doctor announced today.

The doctor, Prof. Riccardo Galeazzi-Lisi, said the Pope passed "a moderately fair" night.

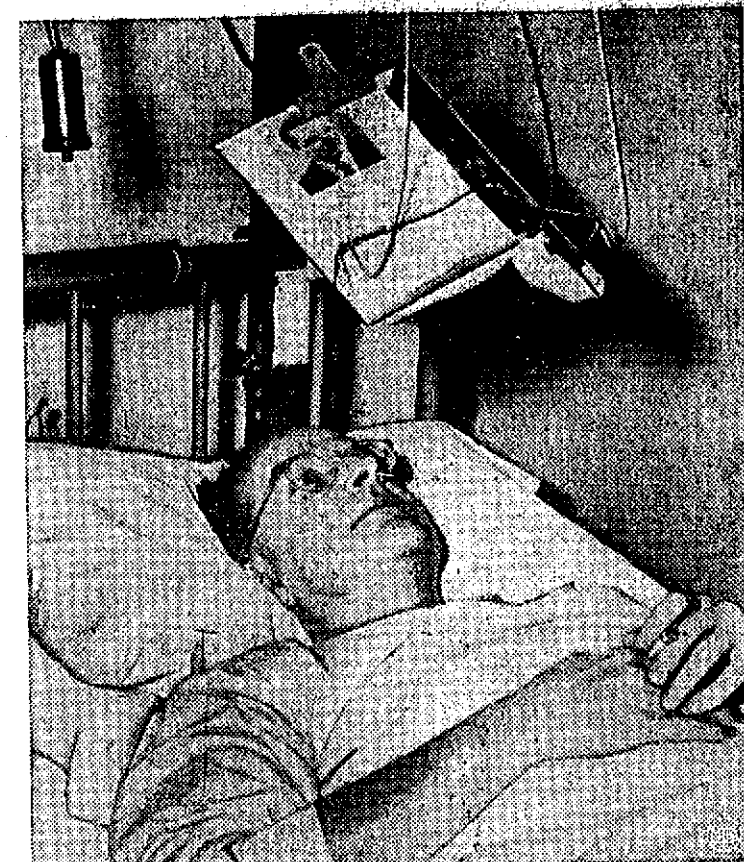
A Vatican spokesman, Msgr. Angelo Dell'Acqua of the secretary of state's office, said there was hope the enfeebled pontiff, 77, might be able to take some nourishment.

The Pope's trouble keeping down food has caused anxiety. To help maintain his strength, he has been fed intravenously.

The Rome newspaper El Tempo said the Pope, the spiritual leader of 400 million Roman Catholics throughout the world, had not left his bed in his third floor apartment in the Vatican Palace since he was stricken Jan. 25. He tried to rise once or twice, the newspaper said, but was too feeble to do so.

A morning commuter train between Sheffield, England, and London runs more than 100 miles in 97 minutes, a speed of more than 60 miles an hour.

Silver dollars are in common use only in a few western states like Montana and Nevada.



WIRED FOR PLEASURE — Theodore Holden, a New York newspaperman, demonstrates his read-a-bed gadget, made of wire clothes hangers. He invented the "book holder" so he could read without strain while undergoing treatment for a back ailment at a hospital in Hartford, Conn.

Suggests Fewer Medical Specialists

By WILLIAM W. HUGHE

LITTLE ROCK (UP) — The new state medical center here should emphasize training of general practitioners instead of turning out specialists, research experts recommended today.

The suggestion was contained in a report to the state legislative council that was prepared by the council's research staff.

The report on the medical center and its new teaching hospital will be considered at a meeting in the near future of the council's committee on charitable, correctional and penal institutions.

"Arkansas needs more good general practitioners than it does specialists at this time," the report said.

The organization of an extensive out-patient service headed by a doctor and staffed by an assisting clinic team was suggested as one way to help train general practitioners.

"It would form the core for a much needed liaison with local physicians throughout the state and for teaching of preventive medicine and health counseling as part of a general practice program," the report said.

The report criticized a growing trend toward specialisms as being detrimental toward adequate health care in rural areas. It also suggested more emphasis on teaching new doctors more about a patient's environmental background as a better way to prevent and cure his illnesses.

The report praised construction of the new 450-bed hospital at the medical center which will be provided with much better facilities than the existing 197-bed university hospital.

The research men warned against any attempt to treat chronic bed patients at the medical center's hospital.

"This would severely handicap the teaching program," the report said. "A high rate of patient turnover offers more opportunity for sound teaching programs."

The researchers also suggested a better administrative structure than the one now in effect at the old teaching hospital, one at least to separate the duties of the superintendent of the hospital and the dean of the medical school was recommended.

A the present time, the dean of the school also has the supervisory responsibility for the hospital.

Nine Persons in Violent Deaths

By The Associated Press

The total number of persons to die violently in Arkansas since Sunday midnight rose to nine yesterday when two lives were lost in traffic accidents, and one man was shot to death.

Tommy Wood, a Union County farmer and father of four, was injured fatally when a tractor he was driving along Highway 15 plunged into a deep ravine near El Dorado. Wood was pinned between the overturned tractor and a tree.

Larry Harp, 3, was killed when his father's truck and a Missouri Pacific freight train collided at a crossing near Greenfield, in Point County. The father, L. G. Harp, escaped with minor injuries.

Marvin Huff, 51, wanted in Tulsa, Okla., for the murder of his wife, was shot to death near Harrison in a gun duel with State Trooper Bill Streubing.

Rosston-East Road Work to Start Soon

By WILLIAM W. HUGHE

LITTLE ROCK (UP) — The Arkansas Highway Department today issued work orders on four road graveling projects costing \$94,516. The bids were let at the Jan. 14 meeting of the highway commission.

The largest single project involved in today's orders was 21.9 miles of gravel on the Des Arc-West and DeWalls Bluff-south road, State Highway 33, in Prairie county. The contract went to Graves Bros., Pine Bluff on a bid of \$53,048.

The next largest was 11 miles of gravel on the Rosston-East road, State Highway 4 in Nevada county by the Mississippi Valley Contracting Co., Paragould on a low bid of \$19,754.

Another was 8.9 miles of gravel on the Okolona-Terre Noir Creek road, State Highway 51, in Clark county. The contract went to the Steinberg-Boyd Construction Co., Tulsa, Okla., on a bid of \$14,363.

The other was 11.8 miles of gravel on the Delark-Sparkman road, State Highway in Dallas county, Linwood-Smith. Lake Village, on a bid of \$7,351.

Barge Owner Asks Cost From State

LITTLE ROCK (U) — The question of whether the Arkansas River is navigable at Fort Smith was before the State Claims Commission today.

The Clark and Ferrell Construction Co., Brinkley, is asking the State for \$14,406 to cover the cost of dismantling its 59-foot high barge so it could pass under a highway bridge at Fort Smith last spring.

The company told the commission the federal government had informed it that the river was navigable but that the bridge across the Arkansas between Fort Smith and Van Buren has a clearance of only 49 feet.

Equipment to raise the bridge was dismantled several years ago. State attorneys contend that the U. S. Corps of Engineers agreed to removal of the lift equipment. They added that, because of infrequent use of the river by large vessels the river had hardly can be considered navigable.

The Claims Commission deferred a decision in the case to permit attorneys for both sides to study further laws concerning navigation of the river.

Record Broiler Production

LITTLE ROCK (U) — Arkansas produced a record 74,080,000 broilers in 1953 to maintain its position as the second leading broiler producing state in the nation. Georgia is first.

The Crop Reporting Service said last year's broiler production showed an increase of two per cent over the 1952 record production of 72,697,000 birds.

Gross income from broilers in 1953 totaled \$54,553,000—a decrease of five per cent from 1952, the service said.

17 GO ON TRIAL

MADRID, Spain (U) — Seventeen persons including two women and a monarchist army officer, went on trial before a military tribunal today on charges of propaganda against the Franco regime and activities undermining state security.

Singer Loses Leg and Damage Suit

LOS ANGELES (U) — A blonde singer who lost her left leg in a traffic accident has also lost her suit for \$154,277 against the drivers of three cars involved in the crash.

A jury which deliberated more than 12 hours denied damages last night to Toni Lee, 21, crippled while riding a motorcycle with Bob Masino. The jury gave a verdict for the defendants, Dorothy Elizabeth Brown and Jesse A. Grayson, drivers of two of the vehicles, and Bill and Joseph Forgate, owners of the third auto.

Mrs. Lee testified that she underwent 21 operations before the leg was amputated. The accident occurred in Culver City on Oct. 10, 1952.

Truman Says Depression Is Spreading

NEW YORK (U) — Former President Harry S. Truman said last night that "The recession that started on the farms last spring has already spread to the city streets — and a depression would do likewise."

He scoffed at the "miracles" he said were promised by the Republican party.

In a speech before the Americans for Democratic Action, Truman said, "I don't think there is any necessity for a depression."

"One thing is clear by now after a year of the Eisenhower administration," Truman said, "and that is the Republican party is not made up of miracle workers."

"I have been watching and waiting for those miracles to happen that we were promised back in 1952. But there is something wrong somewhere. There seems to be a slight delay in the miracle business."

Truman ripped into the present administration's income tax cut, terming it "a rich man's tax relief measure if I ever heard of one."

"It seems to me strange that the President's economic report says that there is no real recession," Truman continued. ". . . but that we are not prosperous enough to afford enough of the future, to increase the minimum wage."

The income level of the farmer and working man are beginning to decline, he said, "compared to the snare of the businessman and the corporations and the landlords. Our national wealth is being distributed in reverse, from the poor to the rich."

Roosevelt Case to Be Tried in 8 Months

PASADENA, CALIF. (U) — The separate maintenance suit against James Roosevelt, in which his wife accused him of adultery with 12 women, won't go to trial for six or eight months, a judge said today.

A crowded calendar will delay the case, said Superior Judge Kurtz Kauffman, who recessed a pre-trial hearing yesterday after a lawyer tried to question Roosevelt about one of the women.

Kauffman ruled such questions will be proper only when Mrs. Romelle Schneider Roosevelt's suit for \$3,500 monthly support actually is tried.

Intimate details of Roosevelt's complex financial affairs and his family's lavish standard of life were recited in the day-long court session. Opposing counsel will delve further into these matters when the temporary support hearing is resumed Feb. 15.

Mrs. Roosevelt's complaint names three women as correspondents and incorporates a letter, signed by Roosevelt, in which he admits infidelities with nine other women. Since her suit was filed, Roosevelt has denied misconduct with any of the 12.

The question about one of the correspondents, Gladys Irene Owens, came just after Roosevelt had related from the witness stand that he went to Mexico last Dec. 22 and returned early in January, on a trip partly for business and partly for pleasure.

"Were you accompanied by any one on this trip?" asked Arthur Schifferman, one of Mrs. Roosevelt's lawyers.

The court sustained an objection by Samuel I. Picone, Roosevelt's counsel.

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Portions of Ward, One including parts of S. Main and S. Second and West Main and 4th will be affected. This change is necessary and service will be resumed as soon as possible.

In Ireland, off-course horse racing is legal and bookies are pillars of their communities with fancy offices.

Pearson Hour Tonight at 7:30

The David Pearson hour will be held at Station KXAR at 7:30 tonight. Tune in for good entertainment and help a worthy cause.

Man Goes to Death Singing a Hymn

HATTIESBURG (U) — A man of electricity ended the hymn of a convicted murderer who died in Mississippi yesterday. The man, Charles Earl Taylor, 34, was executed by electrocution after a long and painful trial.

For two months after his conviction Taylor placed a hood over the face of the convicted murderer, the man who had been sentenced to death for the murder of a woman.

A first burst of current, 12,007 a.m. EST, silenced the words emitted from Taylor's grotesque mouth and five minutes later, after a longer 10-minute year-old Taylor's frail body pronounced dead.

Wheeler, denied a reprieve the late-hour refusal of two Supreme Court justices to intervene, delayed his own death by a long harangue of execrations against his claim of innocence.

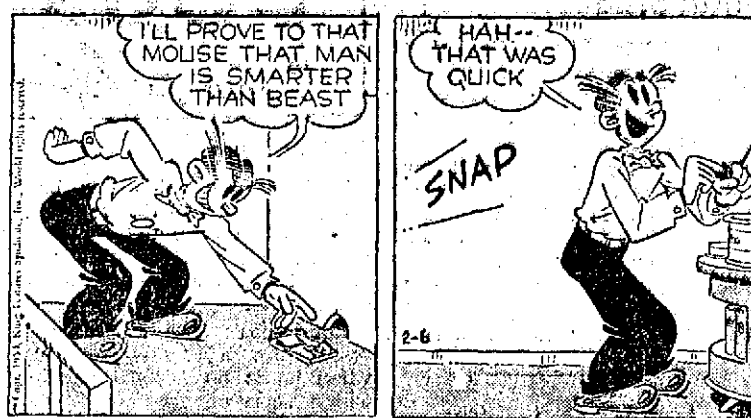
"May we all walk closer to God," Wheeler cried. "Because of whom you die, whether a son or an older person, can't die out God."

After his speech had lasted four minutes beyond midnight, the deputy warden, who had been behind the mask, moved forward and Wheeler's face was visible.

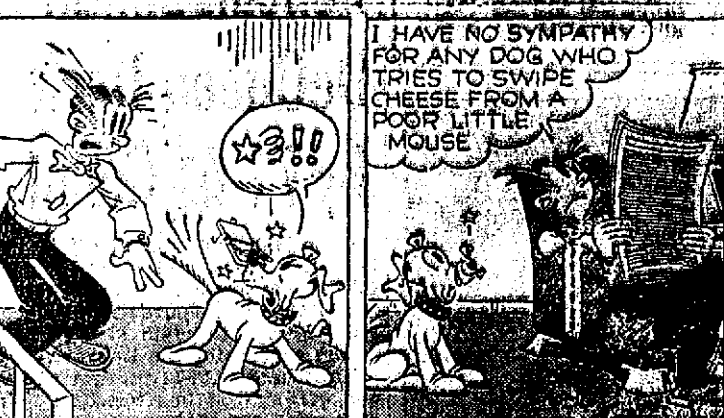
Justice Hugo Black, who had been on the bench for the trial, said he had never seen a man so brave and so brave as Taylor.

The execution was the first of the year in Mississippi.

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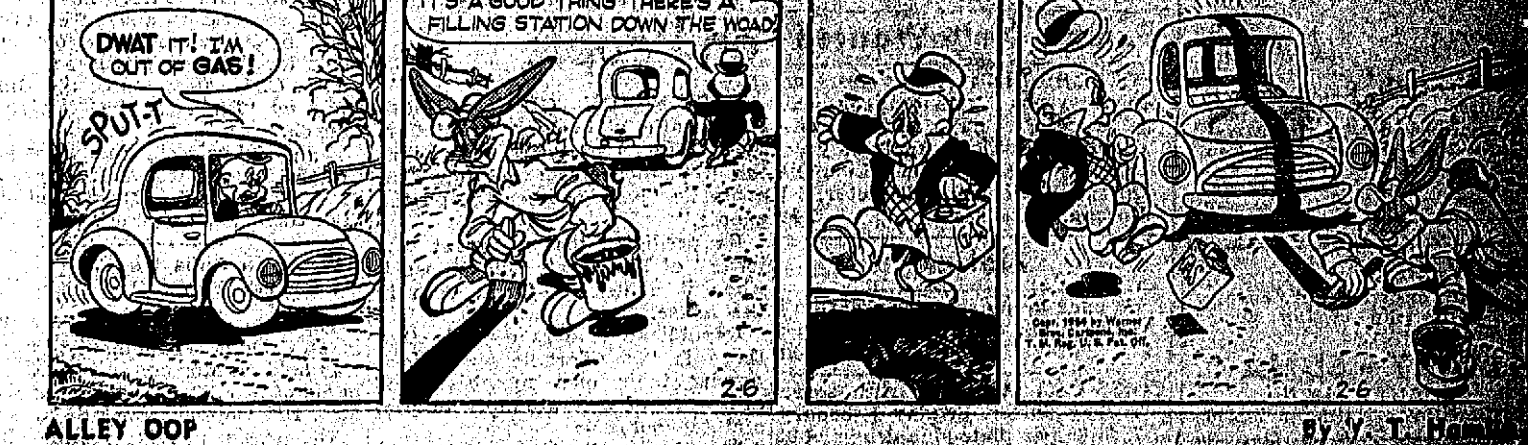
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CHRIS WELKIN, Planeteer



THE STORY OF MARTHA WAYNE



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14 Armed fleet

15 Lure

16 Sorrow

17 Definite article

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20 Means

21 Induct

27 Hops' kilns

31 Diamond-cutter's cup

32 "Good Queen"

34 Peel

35 Burden

37 Location

39 Decay

40 Essential beings

42 Sea nymphs

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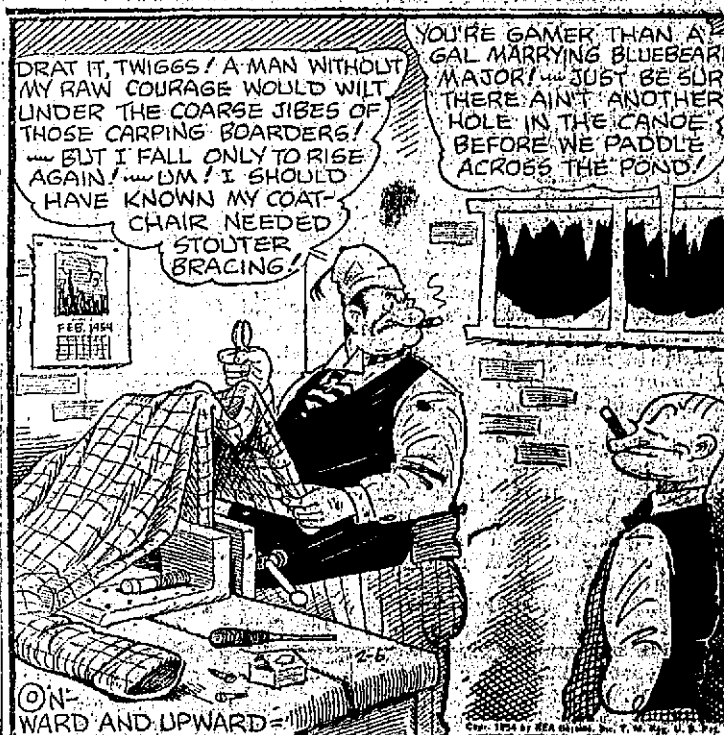
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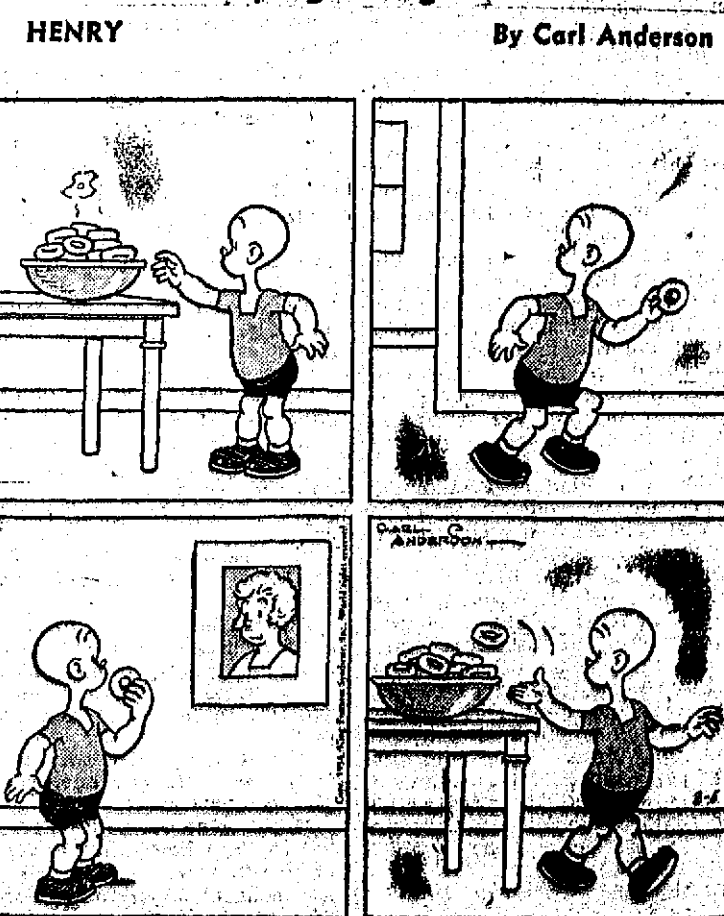
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